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Dear Mr. Anderson:

Re: United States Patent Application
Title IMPROVED ROOF BATTEN
File No: 1613

We reviewed the content of US Patent No. 6,357,193. I explained to you the difference between "consisting" and "comprising". Consisting for a closed series, while comprising is open ended.

Claim 1 of Patent 6,357,193 calls for a batten comprising at least one layer [1 layer or more than 1 layer] a generally planar first ply [horizontal] and a second ply. rephrased, the combination of which define a multiplicity of passages.

Thus each layer comprises a first planar ply, but it could comprise another first planar ply parallel to the first ply. We don't know. The comprising is open ended, so we could say it could also include paint, an adhesive layer, etc. That is the beauty of the word "comprising".

Thus we "read on". The language of Claim 1 wherein our product, like Figure 5, has two first plies (planar and spaced apart) and one second ply, the series of vertical pieces.

What would be nice is if we can show that our product without the top or without the bottom skin does not work. That should make his literal claim inoperative as to our product, but not inoperative as to all products made with only one skin. I say this

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because you indicated that the convolutes might not be crushed by the shear weight of the tile. If a batten were made as in Figures 4 or 6, minus either a top or bottom planar skin.

I will write a "hold the line" letter to counsel saying that I am busy, and recommend you get the testing done so we can see where our position lies.

I do not believe we can avoid making a deal. Our product as made, read on the "comprising" language of Claim 1. The article claim and method claim of 14.

I await your testing results.

Cordially yours,



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